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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
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Re: Application of Airus, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange  
and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services and for  
Flexible Regulation of its Local Exchange Services and Alternative  
Regulation of its Long Distance Service Offerings Within the State of  
South Carolina  
Docket No. 2017-363-C

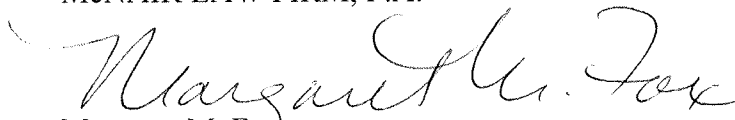
Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition  
("SCTC"), please find a Stipulation in the above-referenced docket. By copy of  
this letter and Certificate of Service all parties of record will receive a copy of this  
Stipulation via the U. S. Postal Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

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**STIPULATION**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Airus, Incorporated ("Airus" or "Applicant") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Airus' Application. SCTC and Applicant stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Applicant, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
2. Applicant stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Applicant to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
3. Applicant stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.
4. Applicant stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until Applicant provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its

intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Applicant acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Applicant stipulates and agrees that, if Applicant gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Applicant will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Applicant acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Applicant, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Applicant agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Applicant hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

10. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, the terms, conditions and limitations of the Stipulation apply only in those instances where a rural telephone company's federal rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1) is implicated.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 8th day of January, 2018.

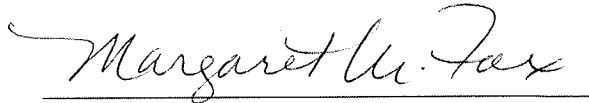
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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies  
for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

Chesnee Telephone Company  
Chester Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista  
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company)  
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium  
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC d/b/a Home Telecom  
Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium  
Lockhart Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista  
McClellanville Telephone Company (TDS)  
Norway Telephone Company (TDS)  
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
PBT Telecom, d/b/a Comporium  
Ridgeway Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista  
St. Stephen Telephone Company (TDS)  
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Williston Telephone Company (TDS)

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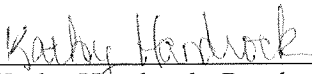
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kathy Handrock, a Paralegal with McNair Law Firm, P.A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following parties of record by causing said copies to be deposited in the United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to:

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